

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Alexandria, Louisiana

June 20, 1969

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**ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA**

**June 20, 1969**

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in the Alexandria area on Thursday and Friday, June 19 and 20, 1969.

Thursday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Friday meeting. Thursday's meeting was an informal staff meeting held at the Spring Bayou Headquarter Building, at approximately 3:30 P.M.

The public formal meeting was held at the Ramada Inn Motel in Alexandria, Louisiana, in the Magnolia Room, on Friday June 20, 1969, at 10:00 A.M.

Members present at both meeting were:

Jerry G. Jones, Chairman

H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

Clarence A. Guidry

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

Jimmie Thompson

James L. Winfree

**ABSENT: None**

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. by welcoming all of the sportsmen in attendance to the meeting and stated that immediately following the public meeting the hearing on hunting seasons and bag limits will begin. Chairman Jones then turned to Mr. Hoffpauer, requesting him to explain the first item on the agenda.

Mr. Hoffpauer explained that the time of the year is near for an inspection trip of the waterfowl breeding grounds of western Canada. Mr. Hoffpauer requested that the Commission request authorization from the Division of Administration for four (4) Commission personnel to make this trip to Canada, departing from Louisiana on July 20, 1969 until July 27, 1969.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, each year the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has conducted a survey of waterfowl populations and habitat conditions in western Canada, principally in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, prior to the formulation of hunting seasons and bag limits on ducks and geese, and

WHEREAS, it has been found that it will be necessary for the Commission to again make such a survey this year in order that it may formulate its recommendations relative to the number of days of hunting and bag limits for Louisiana sportsmen.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to grant authorization for Messrs. Richard K. Yancey, Assistant Director, Larry Soileau, Waterfowl Biologist, Hugh Bateman, Waterfowl Biologist, and Nelson Summerell, Pilot to leave Louisiana on Sunday, July 20, 1969, in the Commission owned single engine Cessna to fly to Canada and after surveying the breeding grounds return to Louisiana on or about Saturday or Sunday, July 26 or 27, 1969.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be, and he is hereby instructed to sign any and all documents for the implementation of the above instructions.

Chairman Jones then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained that the Commission had recently received an application from T. L. James and Company, Inc., for the renewal of a permit to pump sand fill material from the Mississippi River. The original permit was dated June 26, 1964 and will expire on June 26, 1969. It is more specifically located on the Mississippi River, Jefferson Parish at Mile 108 AHP along the left bank between levee stations 6348 and 6415, near Harahan, Louisiana. Dr. St. Amant stated the application for renewal meets all of the requirements as set forth by the Commission and therefore, recommended Commission approval on same.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the

following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on June 26, 1964 the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did issue the T. L. James and Company, Inc., a permit to pump sand fill material from the Mississippi River, and

WHEREAS, said permit will expire on June 26, 1969,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant an approval to the T. L. James and Company, Inc., for the renewal of said permit to pump sand fill from the Mississippi River, Jefferson Parish, at Mile 108 AHP, along the left bank between levee stations 6348 and 6415, near Harahan, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant continued by telling the Commission of the application received from L. Murphy trucking service, Inc., for a permit to dredge sand in the Mississippi River at a point about 87.9 miles above the Head of the Passes at Maraux, in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. Dr. St. Amant then explained that the application had been examined and found to be in order; therefore, he recommended approval on the issuance of the permit.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval for the issuance of a permit to L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc., to dredge for sand in the Mississippi River at a point about 87.9 miles above the Head of the Passes at Meraux, Louisiana, in St. Bernard Parish. Said permit is hereby approved provided the L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc., adheres to all terms and conditions as set forth in the permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant then explained to the Commission that the Louisiana Cement Company has requested a modification of their present permit to dredge for fill material from St. Malo Channel in order to include an additional 325,000 cubic yards of fill. This addition will be necessary in order to complete the operation of deepening and widening the channel sufficiently.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in March, 1968, the Louisiana Cement Company was granted a permit to dredge approximately 74,000 cubic yards of fill material from the St. Malo Channel for use by the company as fill material and also, principally, to deepen and widen the Channel in order to gain access to their private dredging area, and

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WHEREAS, after one year of operation, said company has determined that it will be necessary to continue dredging until an additional 325,000 cubic yards of fill material has been removed in order to sufficiently deepen and widen the Channel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to modify the permit of the Louisiana Cement Company to include the additional 325,000 cubic yards of fill material.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant explained to the Commission that a proposal has been developed for an alliance and association between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the L. S. U. Sea Grant Program. Dr. St. Amant said that if a cooperative agreement can be realized, an institutional liaison could be formed which would develop more and better research and study of the State's estuarine areas. It would also serve as a guide in maintaining the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's historical position in the management of this valuable area. Maximum coordination would be afforded on all studies and recommendations dealing with estuarine problems, water needs and uses, and pollution control within the estuaries of the State.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, if a cooperative agreement were entered into by the L. S. U. Sea Grant Research Program, now being developed in Louisiana's estuarine areas and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's Marine and Estuarine Research Program which has historically guided the management of this valuable area, an institutional liaison could be formed, and

WHEREAS, with such a cooperative agreement, a major step would be taken toward preventing estuarine projects and programs in Louisiana from becoming inefficient, duplicative and costly; thereby offering an opportunity to attain a cooperative efficient study and research program offering maximum benefits to the State, and

WHEREAS, such an agreement would assist in maintaining the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission as a prime member of all study groups, water resource commissions, and water use projects in the State, as well as nation wide.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Sea Grant Program at L. S. U., providing the Sea Grant Program obtains approval and funding from the Federal Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the following conditions and terms shall be agreed upon between the two agencies:

- A. The present Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission position of Assistant Director for Marine Resources and Commercial Fisheries be expanded to include an additional duty as Associate Director for Institutional Liaison with salary change equivalent to an appropriate University Staff position.
- B. This new duty will require approximately 5 to 7 days duty with the Sea Grant Program per month to be allocated only when needed and at the discretion of the Assistant Director when considered in the light of his full responsibility as a Civil Service Employee of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.
- C. The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries personnel assigned to this position shall continue to be carried solely as a Commission employee under Civil Service with all subsistence, travel, insurance, retirement, etc., being handled in the manner now in force.
- D. The L. S. U. Sea Grant Program shall reimburse the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for the increased cost of the new position, including funding for part time salary

increase, use of any equipment and housing for services rendered. The amount is estimated to be approximately \$15,000 per annum and is subject to revision in the amount of any change in cost.

- E. Services and consultation by Wild Life and Fisheries personnel to the Sea Grant Program shall be mutually regulated by both parties to allow for a maximum efficiency of work load to the greatest advantage of all parties concerned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the mutual agreement of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the L. S. U. Sea Grant Research Program, that the Commission Director be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to enter into said agreement by affixing his signature to said document.

Chairman Jones then requested Dr. T. B. Ford to explain the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Ford started by telling the Kommission that at the present time, the brown spring shrimp season was set beginning May 25 and to continue through midnight, July 15, 1969. However, on that date, June 20th, there was no evidence that white postlarval shrimp in significant numbers had moved into the inside waters and nursery grounds. Therefore, it was assumed that the white shrimp were running late this year, as well as was evident with the bulk of the brown shrimp crop. Dr. Ford said accordingly,

it is entirely possible that the brown shrimp season could be extended to the full sixty-day term provided by law through July 23, 1969, without jeopardizing the late summer and fall white shrimp crop. Therefore, Dr. Ford recommended that the Commission authorize the Director and Assistant Directors to be empowered to extend the brown shrimp season for an additional eight days through July 23, 1969, making a full sixty-day brown shrimp season, if the technical data indicated that the white shrimp crop will not be endangered; and that the public be so notified by means of news releases and various other news media.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the dates of the brown spring shrimp season are May 25 through midnight, July 15, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the white shrimp season will be a little later than usual for this year, as well as was the bulk of the brown shrimp crop, and

WHEREAS, it is possible that the brown shrimp season could be extended to the full sixty-day term provided by law through July 23, 1969, without jeopardizing the late summer and fall white shrimp crop.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and empower the Director and Assistant Directors to extend the brown shrimp season for

an additional eight days through July 23, 1969, making a full sixty day brown shrimp season, if the technical data indicates that the white crop will not be endangered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public be so notified of said actions by means of news releases and various other news media contact which would indicate the extension of said season.

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Allan Ensminger to explain the next item on the agenda to the Commission.

Mr. Ensminger told the Commission of the recent request received from the Gulf Oil Company for a 3-1/2 inch pipeline right-of-way across a portion of the Salvador Wildlife Management Area, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Ensminger stated that the proposal had been examined and found to be in order provided the Gulf Oil Company agrees to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement, as well as the rate per rod to be charged for the project; therefore, Mr. Ensminger recommended Commission approval on this request.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Gulf Oil Company to lay a 3-1/2 inch gas pipeline from its Bayou Couba Compressor station in Section 13, Township 15 South, Range 21 East, to the Transco Gas Gathering Station, in Section 2, Township 15 South, Range 21 East, all in St. Charles Parish. Said permission is

hereby granted provided the Gulf Oil Company shall agree to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement, and also to pay a fee in accordance with the Commission's rate per rod policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger then explained to the Commission that a request had been received from Sea Robin Pipeline Company for an access route across the State Wildlife Refuge. Their request is for a 36 inch pipeline of heavy wall pipe with heavy coating. Mr. Ensminger then stated that this particular line has certain circumstances and provisions, which makes it different from the usual request; therefore, in view of this situation, Mr. Ensminger recommended that the Attorney General be requested to render an opinion on the legal aspect of this request.

After discussing the matter, it was unanimously agreed by the Commission that no action be taken on the matter at this meeting and that a request be made for an Attorney General's opinion on the matter.

Chairman Jones then requested Joe Herring to explain the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring stated to the Commission that a request had been received from the Shell Oil Company to extend its seismic operations on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. Mr.

Herring said the proposal has been examined by Commission personnel and found to be feasible provided certain terms and conditions be agreed upon by the Shell Oil Company for the protection and benefit of the Wildlife in the area.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Shell Oil Company did request the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to grant an extension on the area of the seismic operations on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Shell Oil Company to extend its seismic operations on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area to include the following:

Properties in Section 11, 13, and 14, T-18N, R-5-E.  
Sections 11 and 14 are in Ouachita Parish, La.  
Section 13 is in Morehouse Parish, La.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that the following provisions be made a part of the extension agreement:

1. Permission for seismic operations is granted in so far as the rights of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries is concerned.
2. Shell Oil Company will assume the full responsibility of obtaining any other permission necessary for conducting the survey on said lands and agree to indemnify and to hold harmless of any liability or loss whatsoever as a result of Shell's operation under the permit.
3. Seismograph operations will not be conducted during the hunting season.



4. Guns will not be permitted on the area at any time by Shell Oil Company employees, their crews or other designated crews.
5. Shell Oil Company will pay for all timber or surface damages caused by operations of their crews or other designated crews.
6. All road damages will be paid for or repaired by the Shell Oil Company.
7. No seismic operations will be conducted within one-half mile of existing water wells without further discussion and approval of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission personnel or other owners.
8. Seismograph crews will notify the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area Supervisor two days prior to any seismograph operations. Should information be needed pertaining to this matter, Shell Oil Company personnel should contact Mr. Cliff Williams, Supervisor, District II, Louisiana' Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, P. O. Box 4004, Ouachita Station, Monroe, Louisiana

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring explained this resolution concerns the two bills in the U. S. Congress that would divert the over five and one-half million dollars in annual revenues from hand-gun sales to the U. S. Department of the Interior and to the states for their use in Wildlife Restoration and Hunter Safety Training. Mr. Herring continued by telling that hunters' and shooters' programs would receive an extra \$5 million a year, if Congress passes bills introduced in the House and Senate. Congressmen John Dingell and Joseph Karth have introduced H.R. 1048 and Sen. Lee Metcalf and identical bill, S. 670. Mr. Herring further explained that the bills would divert the 10 percent (10%) tax on handguns from

from general revenue to the U. S. Department of the Interior. Half of the funds would go to the States, on a 50-50 matching basis, for hunter-safety programs and optional range construction. The other half would go to the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson) established in 1937 with all 11 percent (11%) tax on sporting rifles, shotguns and factory ammunition.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, there are two identical bills in Congress, H. R. 1048 and S. 670, that would divert the ten percent (10%) tax on hand-guns from the general revenue to the U. S. Department of Interior, and

WHEREAS, half of the funds would go to the states on a fifty-fifty matching basis for Hunter Safety Programs, and

WHEREAS, the other half of the money would go to Wildlife Restoration Programs (Pittman-Robertson) established in 1937, and

WHEREAS, the hand-gun tax collection in 1968 amounted to more than 5.5 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, no hearings on either of these bills has been announced,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby go on record as supporting the

passage of H. R. 1048 and S. 670 for the benefit and utilization of Louisiana Sportsmen and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Louisiana's Congressional delegation.

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Yancey to explain the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey explained that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has requested a site for the installation of the Catahoula Lake water diversion control structure. Mr. Yancey stated that the construction of the diversion channel is in progress and the Corps needs a site for installation of the control structure. Several months ago they indicated that they wanted a tract of Commission owned land in the Saline Game Management Area, near Catahoula Lake, upon which they could build the water control structure. Mr. Yancey said he had been contacted on several occasions during this time requesting that the Commission donate the necessary land to the Corps. He stated the water control structure was essential to the future of Catahoula Lake as a fish and wildlife area, but that game management area land was extremely difficult to acquire and that we should try to get the Corps to accept a perpetual easement to the structure site land rather than convey title to the land to the Federal Government.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the Corps might also consider a trade for a portion of land presently owned by the Corps. He reminded the Commission of the fact that about two (2) years ago, they spoke of replacing the land the Corps had used on the Saline

Wildlife Management Area, but due to a time lapse or something, the matter was soon forgotten. Mr. Thompson suggested that a trade for the land be pursued.

Mr. Bill Day and Mr. William B. Phillips also commented on the water control structure and also on the matter of who will control the locks. Mr. Yancey answered that the locks will be operated by the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, under a water level management plan agreed to by the Bureau, the Corps, and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Yancey explained that without this structure Catahoula Lake would be lost as a waterfowl and hunting area and that its installation is also essential to the future of sport and commercial fishing. The problem lies in the question of obtaining the structure without the Commission having to divest itself of title to the structure site land which involves over 100 acres.

Mr. Hoffpauer inserted that before the Commission agrees to take action on the matter, it is requested that the actual details and stipulations be drawn up.

Therefore, on motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Winfree, and unanimously adopted, the Commission agreed to defer action on the installation site for the Catahoula Lake water diversion control structure, until further and more substantial details can be presented to the Commission.

Mr. Yancey then explained that a request has been received from Mr. Frank Spooner of Monroe, Louisiana to request the Louis-

iana Mineral Board to advertise for a certain portion of land on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana for a mineral lease. Mr. Yancey said this request had been examined and found to be feasible as well as the fact that Mr. Spooner has also forwarded a check in the amount of \$100.00 as a filing fee.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received an application dated June 6, 1969, from Mr. Frank Spooner, Monroe, Louisiana, for a mineral lease on a 160 acre portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area located in Section 19, T17N, R5E, Ouachita Parish, described as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of said section 19 and run thence East along the South line of said Section a distance of 1320 feet; thence run north parallel to the West line of said Section a sufficient distance to reach the North line of said Section; thence West 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South along Section line to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, the processing of mineral leases on Commission owned lands is carried out by the State Mineral Board, and

WHEREAS, the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission owns one-half of the minerals on this property,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission hereby requests the State Mineral Board to solicit bids for a mineral lease on the 160 acre portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area as described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rules and regulations adopted by the Commission on February 20, 1968, be made a part of any mineral lease that may be issued by the State Mineral Board on this 160 acre tract.

Mr. Winfree then gave a report to the Commission on the various State Legislative bills which effected the Commission. He explained that there were certain members of the legislature who worked particularly hard for the passage of certain bills which would appropriate more funds to the Commission even though few or little of them passed. Mr. Winfree suggested that the Commission adopt a resolution to commend certain legislative members, such as Robert Munson, Dick Guidry, Hank Lauricella, Conway LeBleu and Senator Mouton.

Mr. Thompson then requested that by the same token, Mr. James Winfree had also devoted much of his valuable time to aid the Commission during the legislative session and requested that his name be also inserted in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, during the last fiscal session of the Louisiana State Legislature, the passage of bills for additional funds was practically impossible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby commend those members of the

State Legislature who introduced and supported bills appropriating funds to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. Their time and devoted efforts are greatly appreciated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special commendation be made to Conway LeBleu, Dick Guidry, Robert Munson, Hank Lauricella, Senator Mouton, and Commission Member James L. Winfree for their individual attention and interest in the welfare of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Chairman Jones then recognized past Commission Members, Ray Whatley, H. B. Fairchild and A. J. Buquet, who were seated in the audience. Chairman Jones then asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission.

Mr. William B. Phillips then spoke to the Commission, representing the Rapides Parish Wildlife Association and the Catahoula Lake Wildlife Association. Mr. Phillips requested strict enforcement on the pollution laws in his area and stated that he felt that the Commission was lax in their enforcement program, insofar as pollution is concerned.

Mr. Hoffpauer then told Mr. Phillips that the Commission has adopted a new policy in enforcing the pollution laws and that arrests are taking place on the spot where the pollution occurs. As it has been found that it is not the people in the office who cause the pollution, but the people in the field. Therefore, it is necessary to arrest those people responsible for the pollution directly.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Bill Day.

Mr. Day then asked the Commission about the possibility of having all professional fishing guides charge one fee which would be set by the State as to the amount. He said that there are guides throughout the State who charge various amounts and most of which are far out of line as to the proper fee.

The Commission then informed Mr. Day that this is a matter that would have to be taken up and discussed with the State Legislature.

Mr. Day then reminded the Commission of his former problem which was that of his duck blind on Catahoula Lake. He then requested the Commission to give him a copy of the field notes on the survey that was formerly made by the Department of Public Works designating the buffer zone for the Catahoula Lake Bird Sanctuary.

The Commission then requested Mr. Hoffpauer to secure these field notes for Mr. Day and send him a copy of same.

Mr. Day then requested the Commission to hear his request relative to the seasons and bag limits as he had to leave the meeting for an appointment making it impossible for him to be present for the public hearing. Mr. Bill Day then told all present that the Commission's past Board Member, Mr. L. Richard Fleming is critically ill in a Houston hospital. Mr. Day expressed his feelings in view of Mr. Fleming's absence, that in behalf of, and in favor of, Mr. L. Richard Fleming, that Louis\_



iana be requested and recommend an early duck season.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. A. G. Kirkitus of the Webster Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Kirkitus explained to the Commission that his area is in full support of more finances being appropriated to the Commission in order that they might have more enforcement agents hired in the Webster Parish area. Mr. Kirkitus said that Webster Parish is in dire need of better enforcement on the game laws.

Mr. Kirkitus also made a statement requesting that the Commission not dam Dorcheat Lake. He explained that this is a lake well liked by the sportsmen of the area and want to encourage its use by the sportsmen.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Herman Taylor of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Mr. Taylor commended the Commission for contributing each year to Ducks Unlimited in order that the waterfowl population can be investigated, studied and the Canada breeding grounds viewed and protected. Mr. Taylor further explained that the work and projects of Ducks Unlimited are very large and growing with each year of progress. Therefore, in view of this, he requested that the Commission recommend the maximum for the forthcoming season.

Mr. Mike Cook then commended Mr. Yancey, Clark Hoffpauer, the waterfowl biologists of the Commission and the Louisiana Congressional delegation for obtaining an early teal season for

Louisiana.

Mr. Hoffpauer inserted that at the present time, Washington is still debating on the teal season as to the frame work. Louisiana still is not certain as to the dates of the frame work. We are hoping, Mr. Hoffpauer added, that the dates will run until, at least the 21st of September.

Mr. Yancey then explained that certain personnel had received a rumor that the early teal season framework would be extended until September 21st. If it is only given to Louisiana during the first part of September, it will be too early and the teal will not be present in Louisiana.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Winfree and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned and immediately followed by the public hearings on seasons and bag limits.



Clark M. Hoffpauer  
Director